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Re: Professional Rules of Conduct, Rule 8.4(g)

Honorable Members of the Court,

I am writing in response to your call for public comment on the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys.

As I concerned citizen, I submit my request that you reject this rule. The rule would take away a lawyer's right to make a statement about what he or she believes. Many rulings have been made for sexual identity and gender identity accommodations. I do not want to see those rules and accommodations take away another citizen's freedom of thought or speech. The result of Rule 8.4(g) would threaten citizens with their livelihoods should they speak their conscience. Please reject this rule.

Signed,

Donna Havens

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